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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that a federal jury declined to impose a sentence of death in *United States v. Peter Jordan and Arthur Gordon*. On November 8, 2005, before United States District Judge Henry Hudson, Peter Robert Jordan, age 53, and Arthur Lorenzo Gordon, age 28, both of Richmond, were found guilty of murder while engaged in drug trafficking, conspiracy to use/carry a firearm, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. Jordan was also found guilty of participating in a conspiracy to distribute "crack" cocaine. Both face a sentence of twenty years to life imprisonment when they are sentenced by Judge Hudson at 9:30 a.m. on February 24, 2005.

These charges arose from the defendants' role in the murder of Dwayne Tabon, age 22, who was found severely burned on September 14, 2001, at a residence in Richmond. Tabon died ten days later at MCV hospital.

The superseding indictment culminates an investigation by the Richmond Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration that has already resulted in the guilty pleas of Hamadi Miller, aka "Money," and Jacqueline Jordan. Miller pled guilty on July 31, 2003, to participating in a conspiracy to use/carry firearms during drug trafficking and was sentenced to 151 months imprisonment. Jacqueline Jordan, sister of Peter Jordan, and a part-time substitute teacher in the City of Richmond, pled guilty on December 30, 2003, to obstruction of justice and possession of a firearm by an unlawful drug user of controlled substances and was sentenced to 97 months imprisonment on April 13, 2004.

Hamadi Miller and Jacqueline Jordan admitted that they were part of a plan conceived by Arthur Gordon and Peter Jordan to rob Dwayne Tabon, who was a drug dealer, of his drugs. The plan involved luring Tabon to an apartment in Richmond, where he was jumped by Gordon, Peter Jordan, and Miller. The three robbed Tabon and bound him with duct tape. Peter Jordan and Gordon then placed Tabon, who was still alive, in the trunk of Jacqueline Jordan's car and drove to a residence in Richmond, Virginia. At that location, Gordon and Peter Jordan beat Tabon on the head, ultimately fracturing his skull, doused him with gasoline, and then lit him on fire, leaving him to die.

After Gordon and Peter Jordan left, Tabon walked to a nearby house and tried to put water on his body. Neighbors called for an ambulance and Tabon was taken to a hospital with burns

over 90% of his body. Tabon died on September 24, 2001, as a result of the injuries he sustained in the attack by Gordon and Jordan.

Mr. McNulty stated: "We respect the jury's decision in this case. This was a heinous and barbaric crime deserving severe punishment.."

Also announcing the guilty verdict are: Assistant Special Agent in Charge James Gregorius, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Col. Rodney Monroe, Chief, Richmond Police Department.

The case was investigated by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Richmond Police Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney, Roderick C. Young and Special Assistant United States Attorney, Matthew Ackley, who is also an Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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